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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, BU, US

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF BULGARIAN FISHING VESSEL

REF: SOFIA'S 114

1. APPRECIATE YOUR USEFUL COMMENTS TO TRAIKOV (REFTEL).
 2. YOU MAY TELL APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL THAT SEAMAN YORDAN YORDANOV IS BEING TREATED FOR INFECTION IN RECTAL AREA AND THAT HE HAS SERIOUS CASE OF ULCERS. PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN HAS RECOMMENDED THAT HE NOT RETURN TO SEA DUTY. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BULGARIAN EMBASSY REGARDING YORDANOV AND SAID WE WOULD FACILITATE PROCEDURES TO HAVE HIM EVACUATED BY COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE TO BULGARIA IF EMBASSY SO DESIRED. TWO OTHER SEAMEN HAVE MINOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN TREATED. BULGARIAN CONSUL IVANOV
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VISITED SHIP JANUARY 29 AND PRESUMABLY INFORMED HIMSELF

ABOUT YORDANOV AND STATUS OF OTHER SEAMEN.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU CAN POINT OUT TO MFA THAT US PRESS COVERAGE WAS NOT "SENSATIONAL" AS TRAIKOV TERMED IT (REFTEL). MOST EXTENSIVE COVERAGE WAS IN NY TIMES, A NEWSPAPER WHICH USUALLY GIVES SUBSTANTIAL SPACE TO MARITIME AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING THE AREA NEAR NEW YORK. ITS ARTICLES WERE ACCURATE AND UNEXCITED

AND RESULTED FROM USUAL OBSERVATIONS AT GOVERNORS ISLAND, NOT FROM ANY COAST GUARD RELEASE, SINCE NONE WAS ISSUED. PRESS COVERAGE DROPPED SHARPLY JANUARY 29, WITH SOME WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK PAPERS CARRYING ONLY SMALL ARTICLE ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN INSIDE PAGES.

4. FYI: THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT ATTORNEY FOR CAPTAIN WILL RECOMMEND TO BULGARIANS OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT, WHICH OFTEN OCCURS IN THIS KIND OF CASE. KISSINGER

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